

February 9th, 1906.

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798 West 13th St., Chicago.

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To the Honorable Board  
of the University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Very esteemed Gentlemen:

The Bohemian Historical Society of America, with Office in Chicago Ill., caused a Public national meeting, January 22. 1906, at 806 South Ashland Ave. for the purpose of discussing the lecture of Dr. Edward A. Steiner, of the University of Iowa, which was given by the University Lecture Association, under the auspices of the University of Chicago, which took place at the Lewis Institute January 4. 1906 and the theme was "A journey through the Slave World".

At this meeting the following resolution was accepted.

Thus: The appointed committee shall call upon the board of the University of Chicago, and present to that honorable body of educators, their grievance.

It is a fact, that the University Lecture Association has invited the public to a series of six lectures on the Slaves, their literature, life, history and culture, given by Dr. Edward A. Steiner of the University of Iowa, claiming that the lecturer is accurate and competent on that subject, which at present is of unusual interest to the civilized world.

Claiming that the lecturer is master of slave languages and has for four years studied Bohemian at the Latin College (Gymnasium) at Pilsen, the city of Bohemia.



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The Bohemian Historical Society of America, representing the Bohemian members of this grand commonwealth, including 62 students at the various departments of the University, declares that they have been wronged, misrepresented and insulted by Dr. Edward A. Steiner, posing as Ethnologist in his oratory, in respect to their nationality, loyalty to government, home and church.

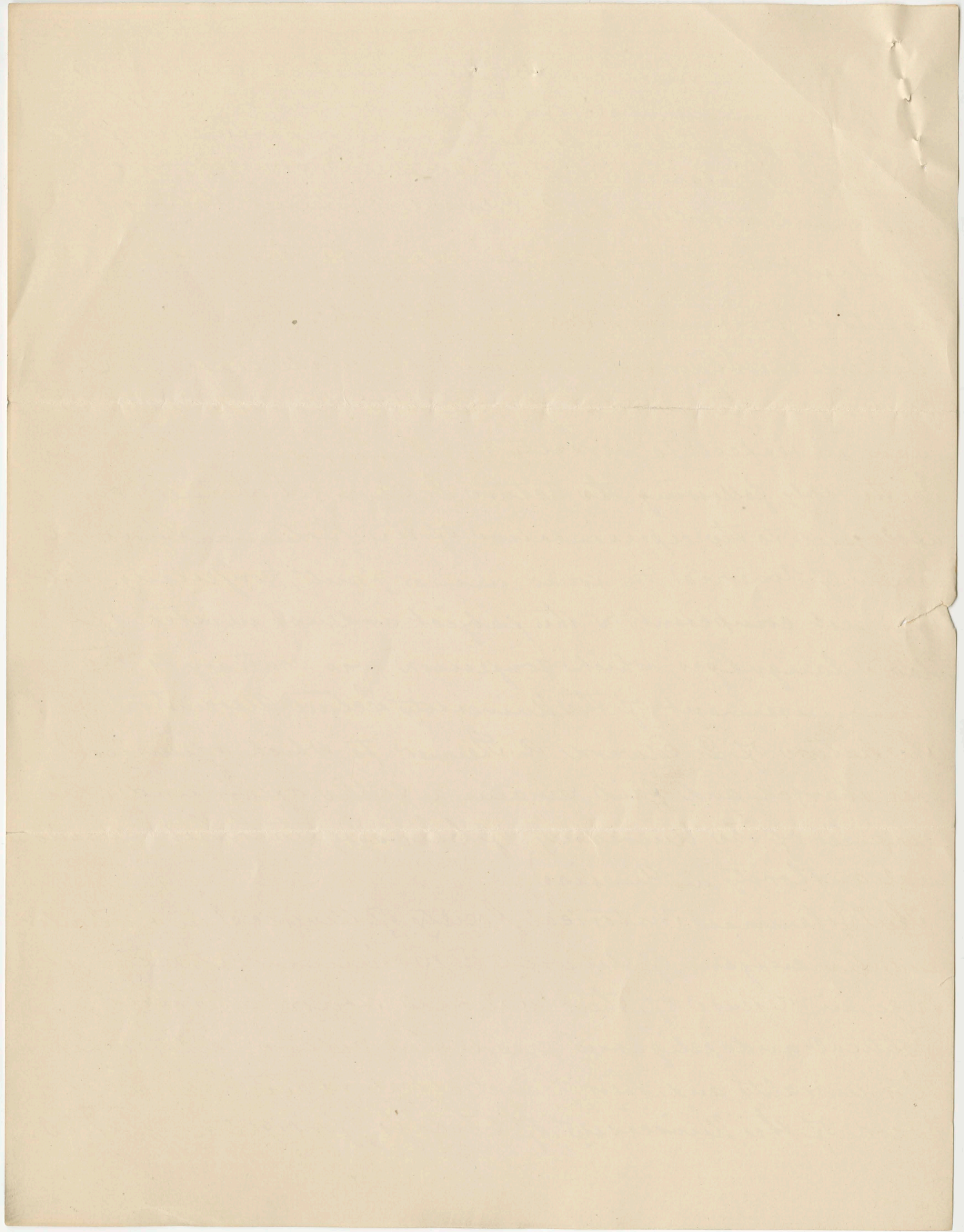
Declares that Edward A. Steiner has made statements contrary to the virtues of a scientist, educator and gentleman in respect to veracity.

In the reply following the lecture Dr. Edward A. Steiner has apologized to the representative of the Bohemian Historical Society of America, on some minor points, confessing that he is not competent on the subject and not master of Slavic languages, which confession was contrary to the announcement of the University Lecture Association.

The lecture of Dr. Edward A. Steiner to which admission was charged and paid remains a public affair under the auspices of the University of Chicago, the highest educational authority in America.

The Bohemian Historical Society of America in particular, and the citizens of America of Bohemian extraction, at large, in defense of their national honor, character, political and religious creed, their culture, citizenship their morality and their honor appeal to the honorable board of the University of Chicago, for right and justice.







Being positive of prompt attention and just  
satisfaction, we assure you of our highest respect  
and ask permission to be yours

very truly

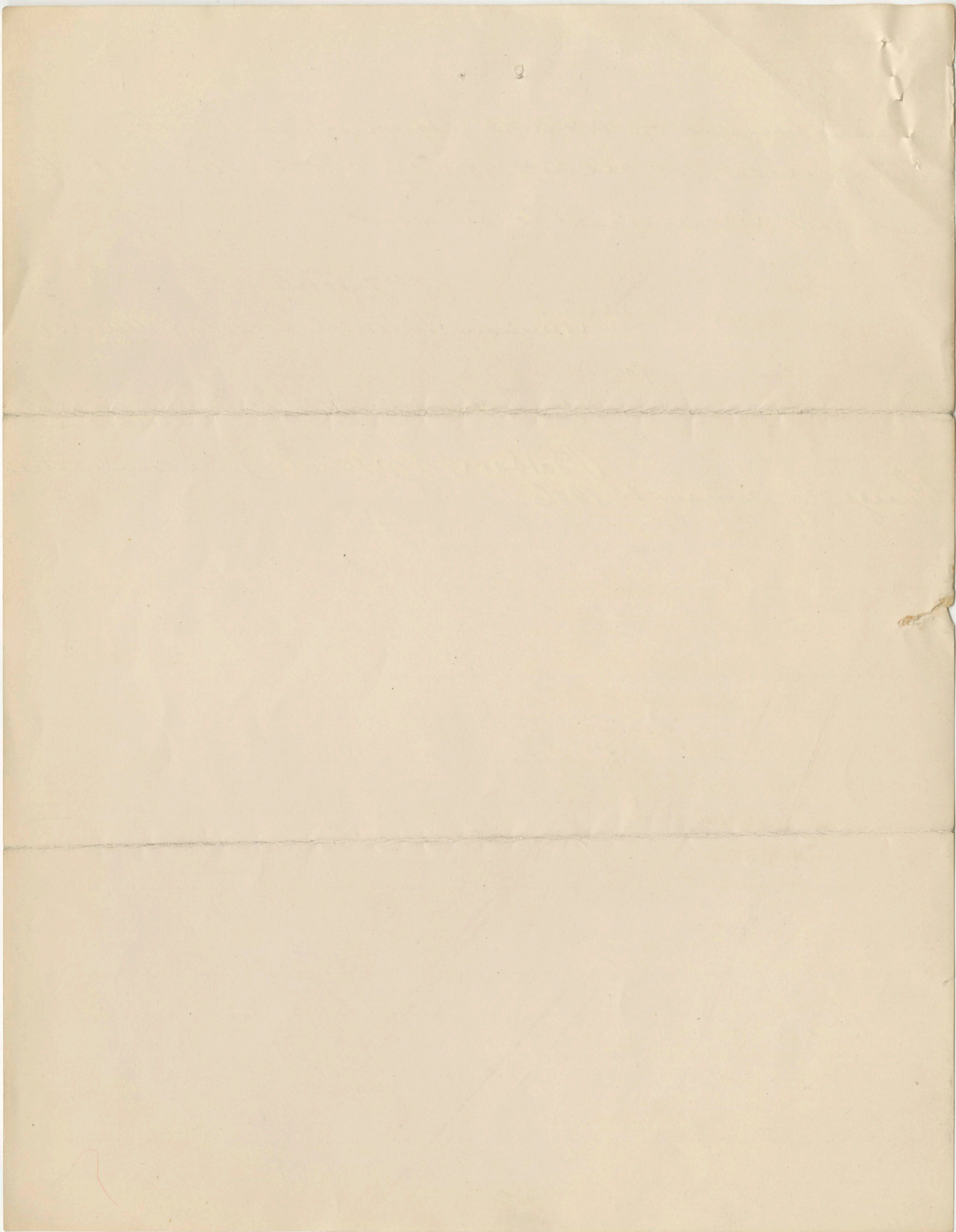
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Julius Van Doremans M. D. { executive  
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Chicago, Ill. January 23. 1906.







To the Honorable Board of Directors  
of the University of Chicago, Chicago Ill.

Walter A. Payne Sec. Esq.

Very esteemed Sir:

Your favor addressed to Dr. Julius Von Besenauer is in the possession of the Bohemian Historical Society of America. Accept our thanks for your kind suggestions.

At the public meeting of the Bohemian Historical Society of America, January 29. 1906, it was learned that the affair has assumed a national character. Societies and the press in America and Bohemia demand a justification in proper way.

The Bohemian Historical Society of America, is ready to meet Dr. Edward A. Steiner in the presence of the Board of the University of Chicago and make such arrangements, which will preclude for ever any malproportioned outbreak of ignorance and contempt for the Bohemians as a Nation, and Bohemian citizens of this country, by him, under the highest educational authority as the University of Chicago.

Please give the matter your immediate attention.

Yours very truly

The Bohemian Historical Society of America

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Chicago Ill. Januy 31. 1906. Joseph M. Mázek Secy  
798 West 13<sup>th</sup> St



To the Honorable Board of Directors  
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Very esteemed Sir:

Your favor addressed to Dr. Fisher has been duly received in the possession of the Robinsonian Historical Society of Chicago. Accept our thanks for your kind suggestion. At the public meeting of the Robinsonian Historical Society of Chicago, January 29, 1905, it was learned that the affair has assumed a national character. Societies and the press in Chicago and Robinsonian demand a participation in proper way.

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798 West 10th St.

Chicago Ill. January 21, 1905.



February 23rd, 1906.

Mr. Joseph M. Mrazek,

798, 13th St., Chicago.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 19th inst. is received. If you will kindly communicate by telephone with my secretary, Miss Cobb, at the University, I shall be glad to have arranged an interview for your committee.

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Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1906

Mr. Harry Pratt Judson  
President of The University of Chicago

Dear Sir:-

Your letter dated Feb 9<sup>th</sup> '06 was  
read in the meeting of "Boh. Hist. Soc." held Feb 12<sup>th</sup> '06.

To avoid public demonstration a committee  
was appointed which will visit and have verbal  
conference in regards the matter with you.

Trusting that this will be the final act  
we are your respectfully

The Bohemian Historical Society

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Joseph M. Mrazek Sec.  
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March 1st, 1906.

Mr. Joseph M. Mrazek, Sec.,

The Bohemian Historical Society of America,  
798 West 13th St., Chicago.

My dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge your favor of  
the 27th inst. It will give me pleasure to consider  
your suggestion later with regard to a course of lectures.  
I have no doubt that it will work out quite as was  
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Chicago, Ill., February 27, 1906.

Harry Pratt Judson Esq.  
President University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Very esteemed Sir:

In compliance to your wishes, the society will have the honor, to present to you in due time, the chosen lecturer and the skeleton of the work for a cycle of three lectures. We assure you that the lecturer will be a scholar and scientist of reputation in both hemispheres, a Bohemian patriot and American citizen, - the work will be a correct interpretation of Bohemian history and life of Bohemians.

Dr. Julius Von Bernauer and Dr. Barbara Studd who had the honor to wait upon you as our representatives tendered to us your kind wishes and we are very proud to receive them.

Yours very truly  
The Bohemian Historical Society of America  
Joseph M. Mrazek Sec.  
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